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TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES
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DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA
Eighth session
Geneva, 5-16 February 1996
Agenda item 2

PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

DDesignation of a permanent secretariat
and arrangements for its functioning

Draft decision submitted by Mr. Erwin Ortíz-Gandarillos (Bolivia)
Vice-Chairman of Working Group I

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee decides:

(a) To transmit to its next session the draft decision submitted by Uganda on behalf of States/Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China (A/AC.241/WG.I(VII)/L.1);

(b) To invite members of the Committee to submit to the interim secretariat by 15 April 1996 written comments regarding the note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the administrative arrangements for the permanent secretariat contained in document A/AC.241/44;

(c) To request relevant departments and programmes of the United Nations, as well as agencies of the United Nations system, particularly those referred to in paragraph 8 of the note by the Secretary-General, to submit to the interim secretariat in writing by 15 April 1996: (i) expressions of interest in providing overall administrative support to the permanent secretariat; (ii) information to justify this interest and to describe the possible nature of such support on the basis of the criteria in annex I to document A/AC.241/34; and (iii) indications of which of these support services could also be provided as an adjunct to overall arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and the United Nations of the type outlined in the note by the Secretary-General;

(d) To request governments interested in hosting the permanent secretariat to submit the details of their offers, pursuant to its decision 7/5, prior to 15 April 1996;

(e) To request the interim secretariat to compile the materials referred to in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) above, and to circulate the compilation as far in advance of the ninth session of the Committee as possible;

(f) To consider this question further at its ninth session on the basis of the compilation by the interim secretariat and documents A/AC.241/34, A/AC.241/44 and A/AC.241/WG.I(VII)/L.1.